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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### China Worried

PEKING'S 14,000-word editorial published on Saturday criticises Marshal Tito only incidentally. Its chief purpose is to "consolidate unity of the international Communist ranks and avoid creating conditions which the enemy can use to cause confusion and division in our own ranks".

The editorial admits wide, fundamental breaches in the Communist structure, appears to condemn extremes, but generally comes out solidly on the side of the Soviet Union.

The editorial has a temporary importance, however, and will undoubtedly be widely read in Communist Parties through the world. It clears misunderstandings about the direction of Chinese policy, but it does little to heal the breach. If anything, its strictures against Marshal Tito emphasise the profound nature of the divisions now manifesting themselves in the Communist world.

Peking's warning of the consequences of persisting in an independent course seems certain to fall on deaf ears. Not even the admission of Stalin's mistakes can do much to change the course adopted by Yugoslavia.

YUGOSLAV policy is not in any sense a new deviation. It began when Tito determined he would be master of his country's destiny, when he rejected Stalin's attempt to impose Soviet domination.

With such sentiments as "We must continue to strengthen international proletarian solidarity with the Soviet Union at its centre", Marshal Tito could not be less sympathetic. To this extent China's attempts at reconciliation are unrealistic. Peking also betrays fears of the Communist bloc disintegrating leaving Russia and China isolated from the rest of the world.

## New Year's Eve Of Mourning Call To Hungarians

Budapest, Dec. 30.

Unsigned leaflets called on all Hungarians tonight to mark a black New Year's Eve in mourning for the dead of the Hungarian revolt and in defiance of the government.

By typewritten messages and word of mouth the call was circulated. The leaflets said any celebration of the New Year at this time would be "an insult to our heroic dead."

They called on Hungarians instead to burn candles in their windows as peaceful proof that the flame of freedom burns on.

There was no clue to the source of the call for mourning at midnight when the rest of the world will be celebrating.

**CURFEW IMPOSED**

The Soviet High Command for its part clamped on the usual 10 p.m. curfew in Budapest tomorrow night even though it was completely lifted on Christmas Eve.

The underground call for a black New Year's Eve followed just a day behind official announcements decreeing a sombre New Year's Day for tens of thousands of Hungarians.

The decrees imposed economy cuts in industry and government. Unofficial estimates in Budapest put the cost at 100,000, and 200,000 may be left jobless on January 1.

The government meanwhile moved to crack down on the underground railway that has poured well more than 100,000 Hungarians over the Iron Curtain to freedom in the West.

**ARRESTS STEPPED UP**

The Budapest press reported arrests were taking place in border areas of Hungarians who helped fellow countrymen cross into Austria.

Reliable sources in Budapest said arrests were now apparently taking place if it could be proved that persons were assisting others to cross the border. Previously only persons caught red-handed were picked up.

No figures were available on the number of arrests so far. Speculation continued that Premier Janos Kadar might make a major announcement on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

Some believed the announcement would include a statement on withdrawal of Soviet troops from Budapest and a possible coalition government including Kadar's Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, the non-Communist Smallholders and Peasants Party.—United Press.

**Ministerial Reorganisation**

The Presidium of the Hungarian Republic has published a decree reorganizing several ministries, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported tonight in a cable from Budapest.

The Ministry of Coal and Power and the Ministry of Chemical Industry have been merged into one — the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

The Ministry of Light Industry and the Food Ministry have also been merged under one minister.

As from tomorrow, the ministries of stock-piling and communal and urban economy will be disbanded as well as the Ministry of State Agricultural Domains, and the Ministry of State Control.

The Ministry of Education has been attached to the Ministry of Culture. The state direction for church affairs and the Hungarian committee for physical culture and sport have been disbanded. Their duties will be assumed by the Ministry of Culture.—France-Press.

# THE IRA STRIKE AGAIN

## Police Station Raid: Constable Killed

BELFAST, DEC. 30.

MEMBERS OF THE OUTLAWED IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WERE REPORTED LATE TONIGHT TO HAVE THROWN A BOMB AT A POLICE STATION AT DERRYLIN, COUNTY FERMANAGH, FATALLY INJURING A YOUNG POLICEMAN, CONSTABLE SEAN SCALLY, AGED 22.

The raiders, their faces blackened, surrounded the Royal Ulster Constabulary building in a rainstorm. They threw a bomb at the door of the station and opened fire as the police came running out into the darkness.

After a five-minute gun duel, the raiders made a complete getaway into the dense countryside surrounding this tiny Fermanagh hamlet.

A spokesman at the County Hospital Fermanagh said later that the injured constable, Scally, was dead on arrival at the hospital. Scally, whose home was at Ballycastle, County Antrim, was said to have gunshot wounds.

## Bomb Blasts Down Door

A midnight statement issued by the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters in Belfast said: "At about 10.20 p.m., Derrylin RUC station, County Fermanagh, was attacked by armed men."

"After a heavy bomb had blown in the front door volleys of small arms fire were directed at the opening."

"The police returned the fire and the attackers withdrew."

"Constable Sean Scally, was wounded in the back and later died. Police and military began a search of the area for the raiders."

On December 18 a heavy attack was launched against the Derrylin police station, which is 11 miles from Enniskillen.

A heavy bomb then blew in the front door and the front of the building was sprayed with automatic fire. The police kept the attackers at bay until reinforcements arrived.—Reuter.

## Police Swoop, Make Haul

Belfast, Dec. 30.

Three men were detained for questioning after a dawn swoop by police today on a disused farmhouse at Dunnamore County, Tyrone.

In the house police found an assortment of service rifles, three sten guns, two Bren guns, a large quantity of ammunition and a number of ordinance survey maps.

The swoop was the culmination of a three days' intensive police search of desolate countryside for men who are believed to be still hiding after recent border raids by the Irish Republican Army.

Yesterday the Ulster government banned two republican organisations—Finn Fein and Flanna Uladh as political parties in Northern Ireland. Both movements are known to have many IRA sympathisers in their ranks.—Reuter.

## ESCAPEE REVEALS PLANE'S SECRETS

London, Dec. 30.

Anti-Communist Poles reported tonight that a young Polish airman who fled to the Danish island of Bornholm had provided British experts with full operational details of the latest MIG jet fighter.

They disclosed that Lt Zygmunt Gosciniak spent nearly a month in London providing information on MIG-type fighters and other Soviet aircraft used by the Polish Air Force.

Lt Gosciniak, 28, said he escaped last autumn aboard a Soviet MIG, which was normally assigned to Polish training flights to make sure that pilots in other, slower planes could not escape.

Lt Gosciniak's presence here was revealed last night when he received a Free Polish decoration from General W. Anders, leader of the Polish troops who settled in Britain after the Communist take-over of their homeland after World War II.

**TOP-RANKING RED**

He said the Poznan riots prompted his decision to flee. "I was a top-ranking Communist and chairman of my wing and secretary of my unit, and die for promotion, so I was above suspicion," he said.

"On every trading night there is a large queue of orders to shoot down any man trying to flee. My thing came when the CO was away and I took his place and the new MIG—issued only to a few officers—was in the hands."

In the early stages I was chased by Soviet fighters but they had no chance against me and I escaped.—France-Press.

**Death of Ruth Draper**

New York, Dec. 30.

The famous American dancer, Miss Ruth Draper, died suddenly in New York today, aged 67.

She was the aunt of the dancer, Paul Draper.

Ruth Draper's sudden death came as a complete surprise to Broadway. She had opened a show at the Playhouse Theatre last night, and had played twice on Saturday. She was due to give two further performances at the Playhouse today.

Although her age was given by her agent as 67, she was 72 years old according to "Who's Who."

Born into a rich American family, she took up the stage on the advice of a family friend, the celebrated Polish pianist, Ignace Paderewski.

She was very soon attracted to monologues and for 40 years toured the world, giving her "chaucer" solo performances, in which her only "props" on the stage were a table, a chair and a large shawl. She spoke French as well as English, and could do her act in all languages, 112 different languages, it was said.

—France-Press.

## TRUCK-TRAIN COLLISION: 2 DEAD, 30 INJURED

Poitiers, France, Dec. 30.

A two-car diesel train collided with a truck near here today and burst into flames.

The police said at least two persons were killed and more than 30 others injured.

The train was speeding down the main Paris-Bordeaux track when a truck slammed through a crossing gate. They collided virtually head-on.

Police said the truck's brakes failed. The engineer and the truck driver were killed instantly.

Panic exploded among the train's passengers

after the second coach rolled down a bank and caught fire. Many were seriously cut trying to plunge through the shattered window. Others with clothing on fire rolled hysterically in the fields, trying to put out the flames.

Their screams brought villagers from Vireol who pulled passengers away from the wreckage before Poitiers firemen arrived.

Police requisitioned cars on the busy highway and shuttled some 30 injured to Poitiers hospitals.—United Press.

## "BOMB" SCARE IN NY YANKEE STADIUM

New York, Dec. 30.

The police removed a dud "bomb" from a telephone booth in the Yankee Stadium while 56,000 fans watched a championship football game today, and an underground line was shut down for an hour and 40 minutes during the city's 108th bomb scare in a week.

A strange-looking, 38-year-old unemployed bachelor was held by the police on suspicion of making "bombs" for the "mad bomber" who is believed to have planted a "bomb" in a white room in the underground station, according to Grand Central terminal.

The man, Morris Rubin, was described by Deputy Chief Inspector Edward Kelly as a possible telephone hoaxer, but apparently not the "mad bomber" who has been planting home-made bombs for 10 years.

**LIST OF NAMES**

Rubin carried a list of thousands of names, including those of the Mayor, the Police Commissioner and a number of "prominent" women when he was picked up. He claimed someone else planted the device in the telephone booth and that he was about to call the police to report his discovery.

Another bomb alert sounded while Rubin was being escorted. This time two telephone calls were received—one from a man and one from a woman—reporting that a bomb had been planted in the huge RKO Theatre. Police immediately searched the entire building.

Only two definite bombs have been found in the searches made by police working around the clock in their effort to find the "mad bomber" who is believed to have planted a "bomb" in a white room in the underground station, according to Grand Central terminal.

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**DAMAGED LUXURY LINER REACHES PORT**

Le Havre, Dec. 30.

The French luxury liner Liberté limped into Le Havre tonight with three injured passengers, three forward loading masts smashed and part of her superstructure twisted after being pounded by a storm in the Atlantic.

The liner was back only three days after sailing. Her captain had decided in view of the damage suffered, to turn about.

Captain De Baudouin, his features drawn after 48 hours on watch, told how early on Saturday morning his ship ran into a cyclone.

The Liberté's bows ploughed into the sea and two enormous waves crashed on to the forward deck. The hundred or so tons of water almost wiped away the three loading masts and huddled part of the steel superstructure.

The Liberté, carrying 450 passengers, bound for New York.—France-Press.

**Girl Quins Born**

Pondicherry, Dec. 30.

A South Indian woman yesterday gave birth to twins, all girls, at a local maternity hospital.

The mother and all five babies were healthy and reported to be "thriving well."

The mother is a 35-year-old woman, and the twins are five girls.

—United Press.

## NEHRU'S QUEST WITH CHOU

New Delhi, Dec. 30.

The Prime Ministers of China and India, Mr. Chou En-lai and Mr. Nehru, tonight resumed their talks on the world situation—in a railway carriage travelling across the Fujian.

The two leaders are bound for Bhakra to inspect construction work on the world's highest dam.

Earlier, the statement had an hour's discussion after Mr. Chou's arrival here from Peking.

This second round of talks follows their meeting a month ago on the eve of Mr. Nehru's visit to Washington.

It is understood that at their meeting today Mr. Nehru gave Mr. Chou the gist of his talks with President Eisenhower on Far East problems.

**"Give And Take"**

Diplomatic sources believe Mr. Nehru is trying to bring about a series of "give and take" steps towards a rapprochement between America and China.

Mr. Nehru is understood to appreciate the US view that imprisonment of American prisoners in China is one of the major barriers.

If this was removed, the US might be prepared to relax its ban on American newsmen visiting China.

On the other hand, it is authoritatively learned that three Chinese students in the US have approached the Indian Embassy for assistance in returning to China. It is understood that their cases are complicated and in dispute.

**May Meet Again**

Mr. Nehru is trying to improve these problems as a preliminary to helping tackle the question of an overall settlement of the Far East.

Indian sources see in Mr. Chou's decision to return quickly to Peking that the Nehru-Eisenhower talks were sufficient to optimistically warrant fresh consultations with others in the Chinese hierarchy.

These discussions suggest it is possible Mr. Nehru and Mr. Chou will have a third round of talks next month after the Chinese Prime Minister visits Moscow.—Reuter.

## Drowned Woman Bejewelled

Paris, Dec. 30.

River police today found floating in the river Seine the body of a woman wearing 15 million francs (£15,000 sterling) worth of jewellery.

They identified her as Madame Jean Cazal, wife of a pottery manufacturer, and mother of two children, who had disappeared from her home on November 24.—China Mail Special.

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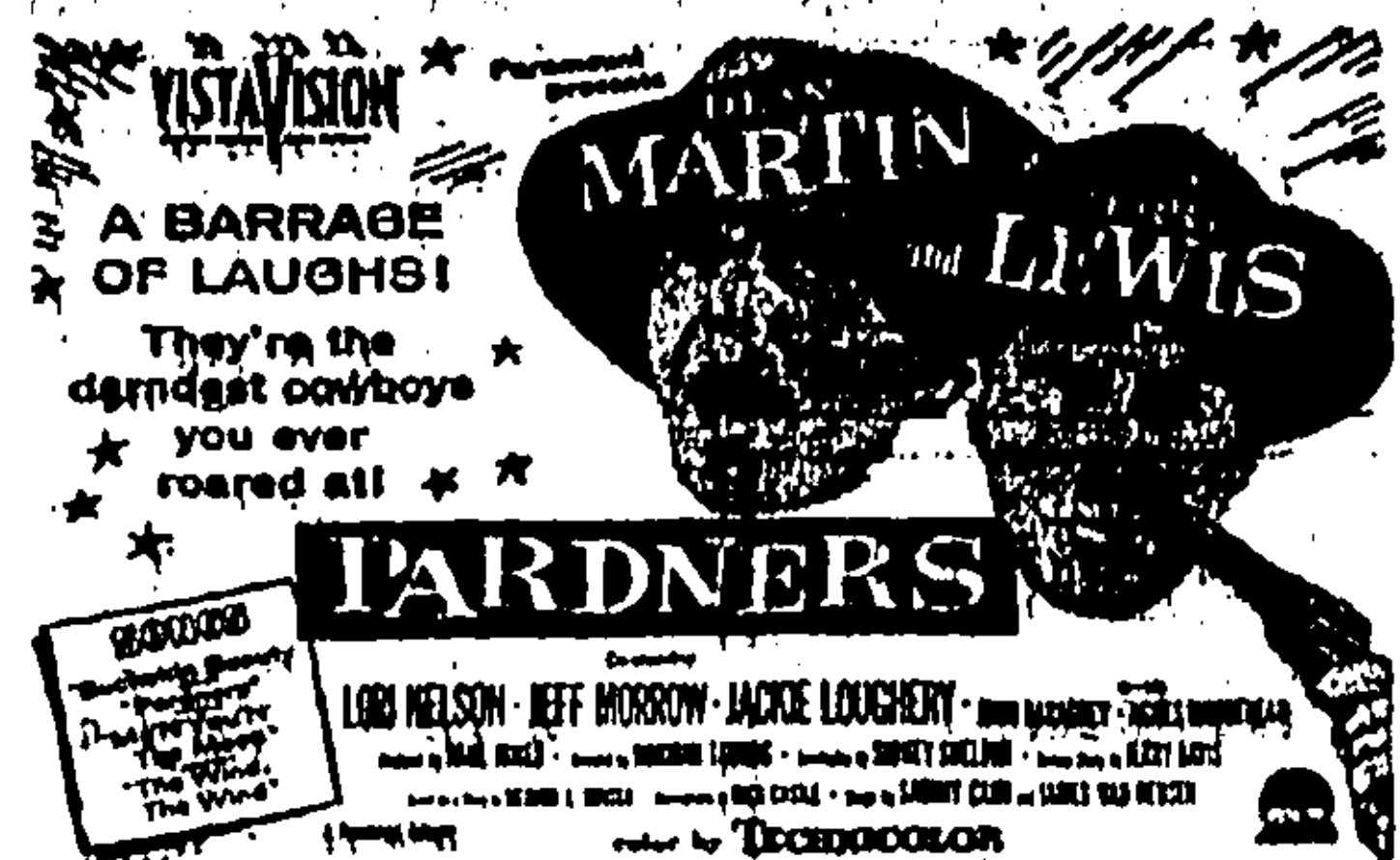
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## CONCESSIONS FOR HUNGARY POSSIBLE Western Loans May Force Soviet Russia's Hand

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Budapest, Dec. 30.

Hungary's need of Western loans, conceded in an official newspaper here today, may influence her Communist rulers to make appreciable concessions to the people's demands for greater freedom, in view of some Western diplomatic observers here.

The Soviet-backed government of Premier János Kádár might consider that by taking steps to liberalise their regime, they would win a more sympathetic hearing for requests for financial aid from Western countries, these observers said.

The Socialist Workers' (Communist) Party newspaper, Nép Szabadság, said foreign loans were urgently needed for Hungary "to avoid inflation and restore our economy."

## Soviet Loan

Preliminary talks had begun with some capitalists as well as Communist states and "it is expected that the West will contribute with considerable loans to alleviate out economic difficulties."

The newspaper said the Soviet Union promised a loan including 100 million dollars (\$17-850,000 sterling) in free, hard currency and agreement would be concluded soon with other Communist countries.

Economic sources said they believed loans from other East European countries would be restricted as many, particularly Poland and Rumania, had their own economic troubles.

Observers pointed out that the main demands of the Hungarian uprising—withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary, free elections, a broader, more representative government, and the reinstatement of Imre Nagy, deposed Prime Minister now living in Rumania—had gained Western sympathies.

They did not expect all or any to be granted in full. But they thought the Kádár Government might be willing to give ground on some issues in the hope that this would induce the West to look upon their regime less harshly when considering requests for aid.

## Impossible

The observers believed it was impossible for Kádár to take any such action without Soviet approval and it was uncertain how far the Russians, less directly affected by economic disaster in Hungary, would be prepared to go.

An "optimistic view" voiced in some Western diplomatic circles was that the Russians might be ready to make an agreement on the stationing of Soviet troops in Hungary similar to that signed recently with Poland.

They also considered a government broadened to include the leaders of some non-Communist parties, particularly the Smallholders, and a greater measure of freedom for religion.

Because of the admitted weakness of the new Hungarian Communist Party they would be less likely to allow the Government the same independence of Soviet control granted to Poland where the Communist Party headed by Wladyslaw Gomulka was strong.

## Confined To Room

Rumours that Mr. K. P. S. Menon, Indian ambassador in Moscow, at present visiting Budapest, had talked with a Smallholders Party leader, Mr. Zoltan Tildy, about a broadening of the Kádár Government, were denied by Indian legation sources.

An Indian spokesman said "we know nothing of any such meeting." Mr. Menon has been unwell and confined to his hotel room since he arrived on Christmas eve and has met

only members of the legation staff and a few personal friends.—China Mail Special.

## GAITSKELL IN UNITED STATES



New York, Dec. 30.

The leader of the British opposition Labour Party, Hugh Gaitskell, arrived by plane today from London. Gaitskell will make a lecture tour of the United States.

On his arrival today, he said he hoped the new American policy in the Middle East would contribute to the elimination of the differences between the United States and Britain.

Gaitskell said it was difficult for Britain to take the lead in a policy for the future of the Middle East and strongly hoped that the United States would do so.—France-Press.

## Gomulka's New Year Wish

Warsaw, Dec. 30.

VLADISLAW Gomulka, First Secretary of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) Party, said today that among the things he might wish for Poland in the New Year was "a half milliard dollars credit without any interest."

Replying to a correspondent of the Polish PAP news agency, who asked him about his New Year wishes, Gomulka added: "But I am a realist. I will only make wishes which might be realised in 1957."

The Polish Communist leader called on workers to "produce more, cheaper and better" to increase their well-being. He expressed the desire that every citizen might fully enjoy freedom of thought and action in the way that he believed best for Poland.

## NEVER FORGET

Gomulka also sent his wishes to "Poland throughout the world." He expressed the wish that they would never forget their homeland and that they would aid it according to their means, to rebuild.

The Prime Minister of Poland, Cardinal Wyszyński, told a PAP correspondent that his wishes were not made "merely for the year 1957" but for always.

"I wish for my Fatherland that all its children will be ready to give it all their blood, sweat and tears," he said, "and that the Polish people will succeed in overcoming all the difficulties which can hinder the unity of all citizens" he said.

Cardinal Wyszyński said of The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, "I wish that his voice will be heard in the world and that his wishes will be realised."

## THOUSANDS OF JEWS FLEE TO ISRAEL

Genoa, Dec. 30.

At least 15,000 Jews fleeing Egypt are passing through this Italian port in a mass exodus to Israel, the Jewish authorities said here today.

## Refugees Said Communists

Washington, Dec. 30.

Democrat Representative Francis Walter (Pennsylvania) said today that he was absolutely convinced that many of the Hungarian refugees admitted to the United States had been members of the Communist Party, and should be investigated.

## Conservative

Walter, who was co-author of the Walter-McCarran immigration act, said all the Hungarian refugees should be admitted to the country only on parole until an inquiry into their past had been carried out.—France-Press.

Damascus, Dec. 30. Syrian President, Shukri Kwatli, is to pay an official visit to Pakistan and India during January, informed sources said.

Kwatli is to spend about 10 days in Pakistan before going to India. He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister, Salah Bittar, Information Director, Fuad Cayeb, and presidential protocol director, Abdallah Khani.

The visit was originally scheduled for last November, but was postponed because of events in Egypt.—France-Press.

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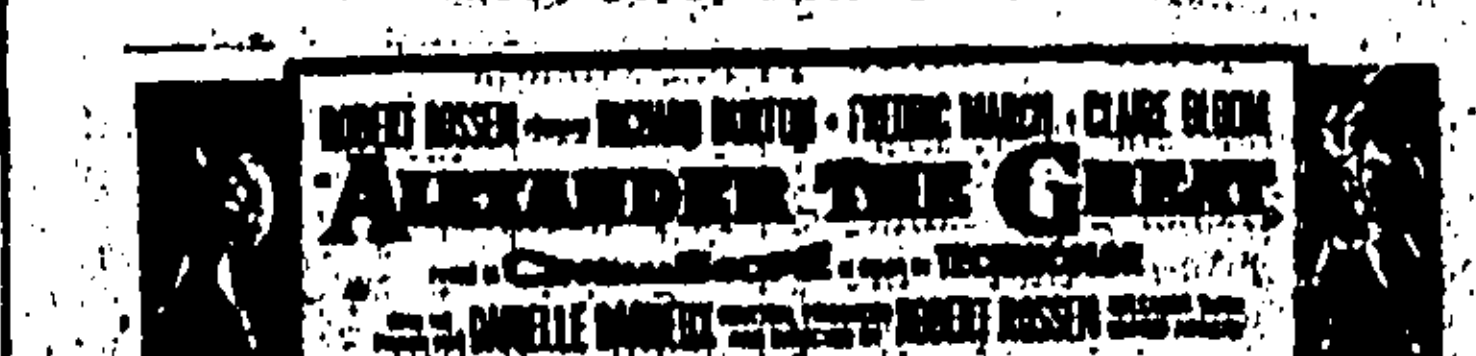
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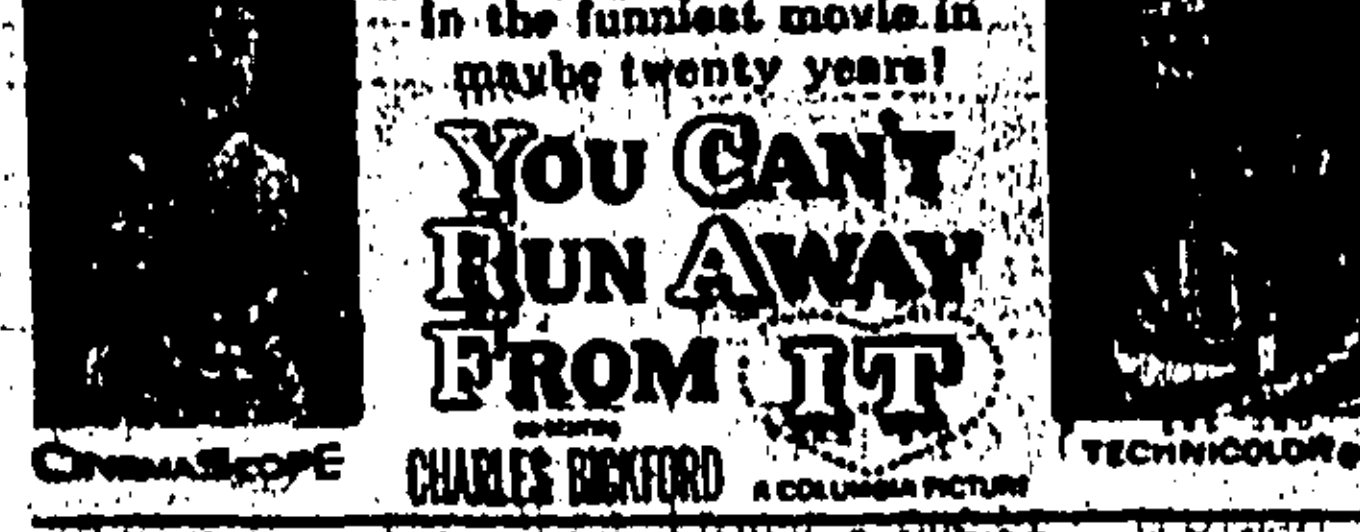
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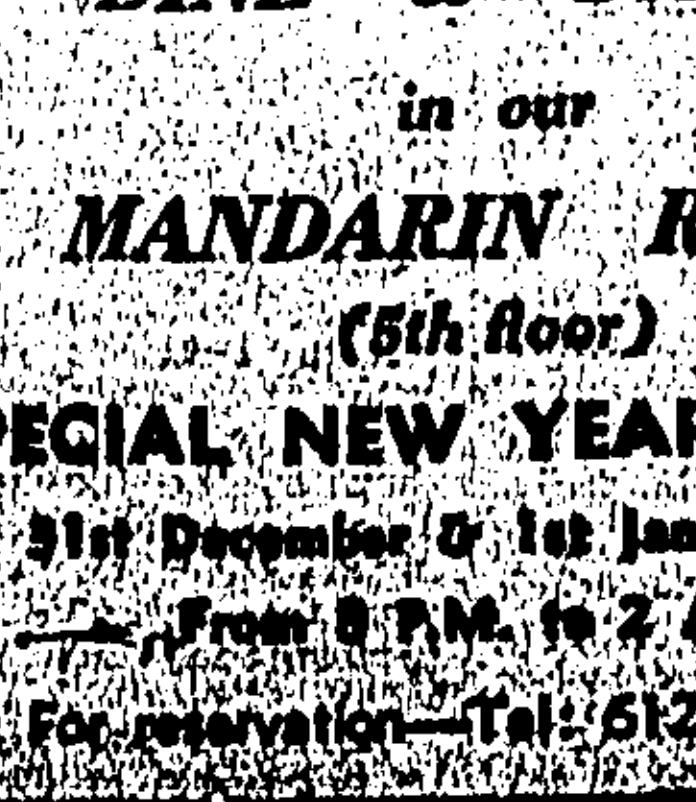
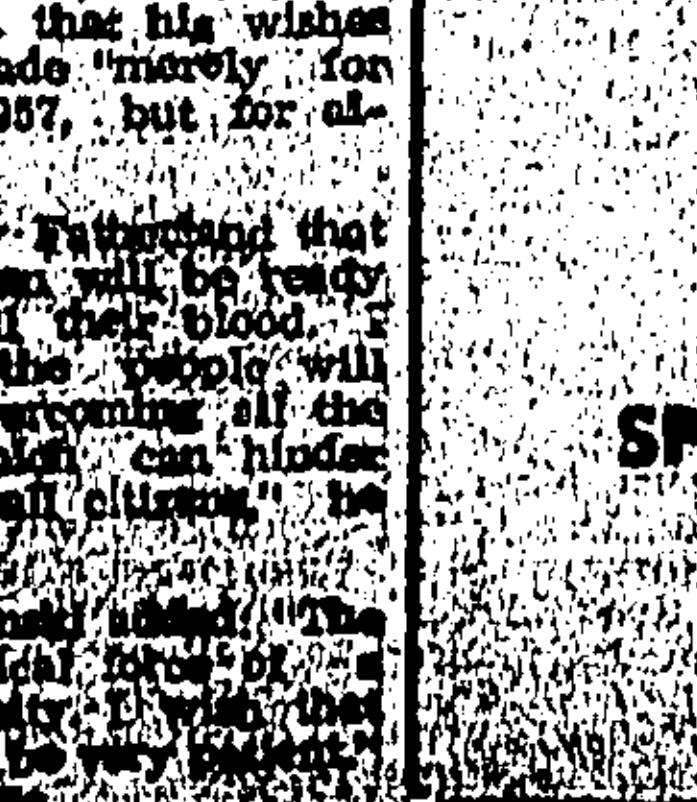
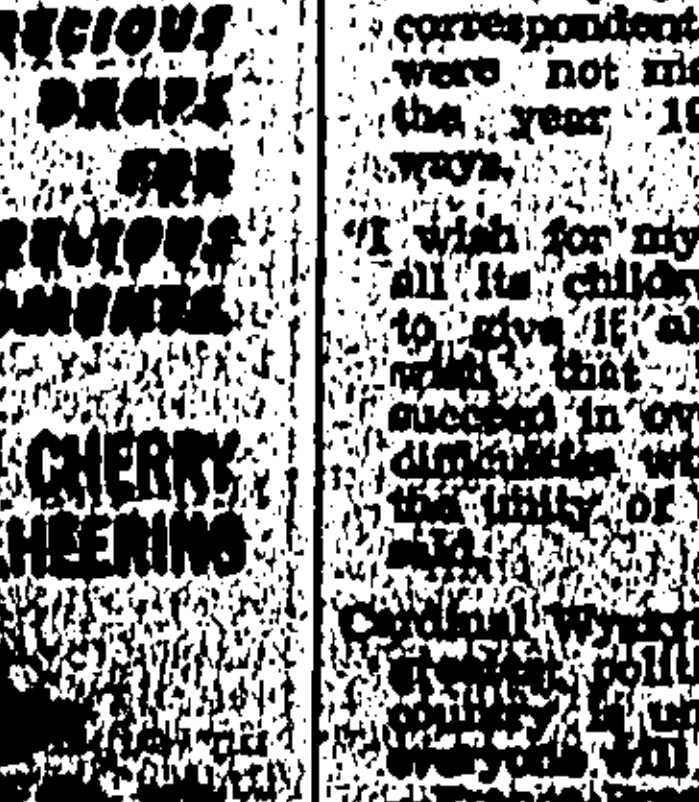
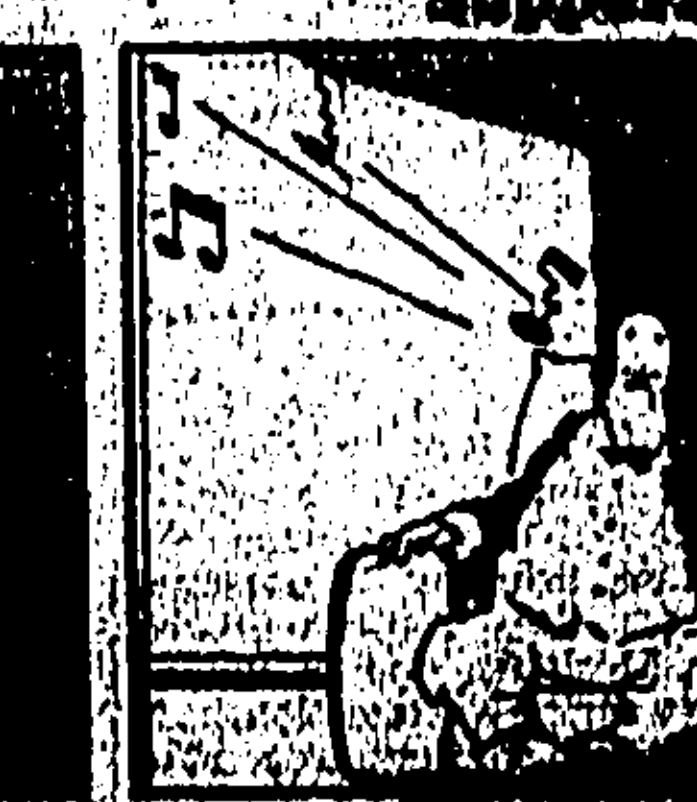
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# Karl Marx Was Wrong

ISRAELI WARNING

## Navigational Freedom Of Akaba

Jerusalem, Dec. 30. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said today that freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba, on the Red Sea, was the only guarantee that Egypt would consent to freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal.

Eytan stressed the importance for the entire world of finding another route to replace the Suez, and maintained that the Gulf of Akaba and the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilat offered such a route.

He said that as long as the Gulf of Akaba remained open to international navigation, Egypt would not be tempted to block the Suez Canal, and even if she did block it, it could be bypassed and the blockade would only injure Egypt herself, he said.

### Remilitarise Sinai

In a speech broadcast over the Israeli radio, Eytan warned of the danger that Egypt would again block the Gulf of Akaba if she took over the Sinai Peninsula.

He said that if Israel withdrew from the Sinai Peninsula as scheduled, the United Nations forces would take over there. But in turn the United Nations forces would have to withdraw when Egypt demanded it. Egypt could then remilitarise Sinai and again block the Gulf of Akaba.—France-Press.

### Hungarian Jurist Rehabilitated

Budapest, Dec. 30. Hungarian jurist, Josef Szabo, who was imprisoned from 1950 to 1955 for having publicly criticised the Government's arbitrary judicial procedures, has been rehabilitated, it was announced today.

Szabo will shortly resume his former duties as Dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Szeged, the announcement said.—France-Press.

## CAPITALISM NOT

### LIABLE TO COLLAPSE

Washington, Dec. 30.

Top Russian economists no longer expect the collapse of Western capitalism and look for a long period of competitive struggle with the United States, an American economist said today.

Grover W. Ensley, executive director of the House Senate Economic Committee, said he learned of the "revolution" in Soviet economic thought during a recent meeting in Moscow with seven top Russian economists at the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Writing in the current issue of Nation's Business, Ensley said "anything can happen" as Kremlin leaders, fearful of satellite unrest, "come to understand this new concept that capitalism won't destroy itself."

### May Panic

"Time, they have stated over and over again, is in their favour," he said. "Once they realise fully that time is not in their favour they may panic. We can never for a moment lower our guard against that possibility."

Ensley said it is the younger Soviet economists who now believe Karl Marx was wrong when he predicted the collapse of Western capitalism. But older ones, he said, still believe the United States will suffer another "1929-type crash."

But he added that the "younger, more flexible, Soviet economists are gaining stature and power in economic circles. They undoubtedly will produce 'significant changes' in Communist policies, he said.

Ensley said it is clear Russia will try to bind her satellite countries more closely by concentrating on a "decentralisation" programme that will make them economically dependent on one another and on her.

### Laissez Faire

In the future each country will have more voice in determining its production, Ensley said. The Soviet economists emphasised their "discovery" of the "laissez faire economics of the division of labour and com-

parative advantage," he added. "By that they meant, as they put it, that Poland would produce what she can most economically produce, with Czechoslovakia, Russia and China doing the same and then trading with one another."

### Military Danger

To encourage "local initiative" among the workers, Ensley said the Soviets have instituted "almost a profit motive." Much Russian labour now is on a "piece basis" to stimulate production, a far cry from the Marx doctrine of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need."

Ensley said he found the younger Soviet economists "clearly impressed by capitalist achievements" and were familiar with recent professional economic publications, documents and research reports from the U.S.

But he said he concluded from his talks that "the Communist economy even with significant changes can never outperform our own." The danger to the United States, he said, "is not so much economic as it is political and military."

A chart accompanying his article showed that in 1955 Russia produced 50 million tons of steel compared to 117 million for the United States and 170 billion kilowatt-hours of electric power compared with 625 billion for the U.S.

### Defence Production

The Soviets produced 4 million radio and TV sets as against 14.5 million radios and 7.8 million TV sets for the United States.

The Russians would not tell Ensley what percentage of their total production was going for defence. But he said informed Western estimates place it at 15 per cent. The United States devotes not more than 10 per cent of its production to defence, he noted.—United Press.

## Coal: Mainstay Of Britain's Economy

London, Dec. 31.

The Chairman of the National Coal Board, Mr James Bowman, forecast today that Britain would have the most progressive coal mining industries in the world when the "great reconstruction schemes" are completed.

In a foreword to a brochure published today commemorating the first 10 years of nationalisation of the industry, he said that coal, even in an age of oil and atomic energy, would continue to be "the mainstay of Britain's prosperity."

The tenth anniversary falls on January 1, 1957.

### GREAT DEVELOPMENT

The brochure itself said that Britain's coal industry was in the thick of a great development programme, which would complete its transformation into "one of the most modern and efficient undertakings in the country."

Of the future, the brochure said the demand for fuel and power would continue to increase in the next decade, but however swift the advance of nuclear power, it could not for many years contribute "a major part."

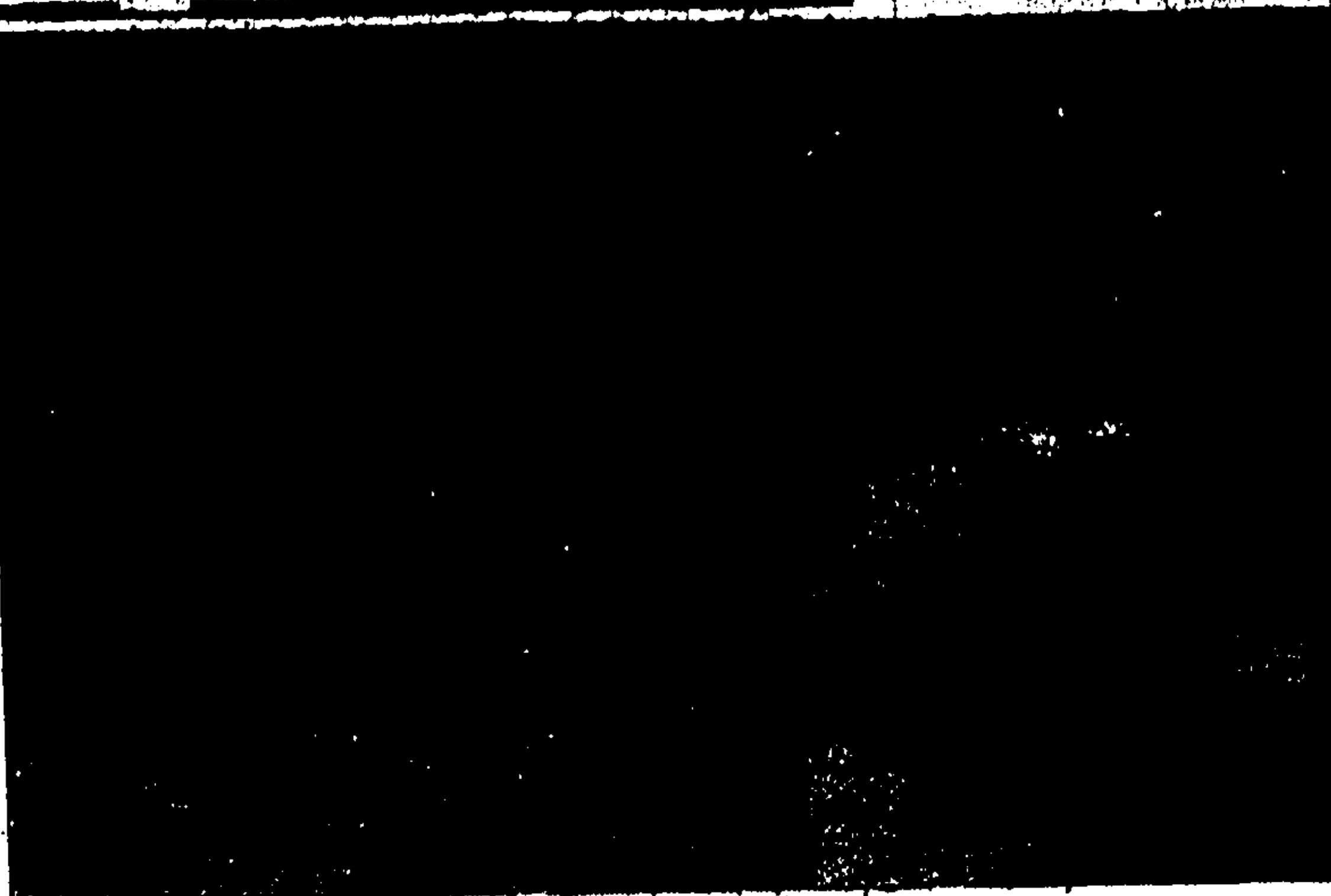
Annual coal production has exceeded that in 1948 by 30 million tons. (The latest figures for annual coal production was 221 million tons in 1955). —China Mail Special.

Augusta, Dec. 30.

After a weekend's golfing at Augusta in Georgia, President Eisenhower took a plane back to Washington this evening to prepare for his meeting with the leading Congressmen on January 1.

The President will meet the Congressmen at the White House to explain the "United States New Policy" in the Middle East.

## 'Friar Tuck' Was Put On Diet



## SCIENTISTS UNLOCK ATOMIC SECRETS

New York, Dec. 30.

United States scientists made spectacular "break-throughs" in unlocking the secrets of the atom in 1956, but in commercial and military development of nuclear energy it was a year of undramatic refinement.

In pure science, probing the "world-within-the-atom," American scientists announced in June positive detection of the neutrino, one of the components of the atom whose existence had been deduced but never before proved.

Last Friday Dr. Luis Alvarez announced a laboratory method of using hydrogen atoms, a success which gave another glimpse of a means to harness the fury of the hydrogen bomb for peaceful purposes.

Both these successes were sensations in the scientific world though promising no immediate practical benefit.

### Less Spectacular

Less spectacular was the tremendous expansion by industrial corporations of work on reactors to produce electrical power or promote new experiments.

In 1956, private companies began construction of, or received contracts for, 59 new nuclear reactors, including 29 to produce power (electrical or to drive ships) and 30 for research purposes.

They will be built for the United States Government, for private companies or for export overseas. These companies also continued work on 17 reactors ordered in 1955, and completed two.

The private corporations were stimulated by a progressive easing during the year of restrictions by the Atomic Energy Commission on use of its knowledge of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy—gained partly as a by-product of building hydrogen and atomic bombs.

But the great diversity of research in the United States—part of the drive to find the most economical type of power reactor to produce electricity as cheaply as conventional generators—is openly admitted by American scientists to have left them well behind Britain in the international "reactor race."

### Coal Shortage

Britain, faced by a coal shortage, standardised on a simple and serviceable type of reactor in 1956, and fed electricity into the grid from Calder Hall on October 17, this year.

The first comparable United States nuclear power station, built half by the Government and half privately at Shippingport, Pennsylvania, will not become active until 1957.

The British Government outlined its plans for 12 nuclear power stations in the next ten years in a White Paper issued in February, 1956.

But renewed pressure because of the Middle East crisis—and the British Government's statement last month that "the present possible peace"—are expected to lead to considerable acceleration of Britain's atomic power programme.

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### Enriched Uranium

First they have no working reactor to compete against Calder Hall as a demonstration of what they have to sell.

Second, Britain's "export reactors" are of the Calder Hall type, which uses the comparatively easily obtained natural uranium. Many planned American reactors, though likely to be of greater efficiency, use enriched uranium.

Since enriched uranium can be used to make atomic bombs, the United States Government keeps strict control of its supply.

While the Atomic Energy Commission is willing, with certain restrictions, to make enriched uranium available abroad, American companies have found resistance by overseas buyers, particularly in the East, to becoming "tied" to this country's goodwill in so important a field.

In contrast to this difficulty in finding potential buyers for power station reactors, American companies have found a good market for research reactors.—China Mail Special.

## Speculation Rife In Russia

Moscow, Dec. 30.

The Soviet newspaper Leningradskaya Pravda today strongly denounced speculation in rugs, furs, refrigerators, watches, rings, cameras and other goods which it said was going on in the Soviet Union.

The newspaper said that speculation knew no market situation better than State commercial employees. It cited a recent case, where speculators, having learned that a television station was being constructed in Siberia, rounded up television sets and sent them to the region.—France-Press.

## Egyptian Wounds Must Be Healed Says Editor

London, Dec. 30.

The "wound inflicted on Egypt and other Middle East countries" must heal before the United Nations Middle East police force can "function effectively as a keeper of the peace," Mr Devadas Gandhi declared today in a letter to the Observer.

Mr Gandhi, Managing Editor of the Hindustan Times, was writing to this independent Sunday newspaper to comment on a plan for the Middle East proposed by the Observer.

In his letter, Mr Gandhi said: "I have read with interest the detailed plan produced by a group of independent experts, and published in your column on December 18, for the future functioning of UNEF in the Middle East."

### Sympathetic

"The plan commands respect because of its sympathetic approach, but much will depend on how Nasser and the leaders of the other Muslim states in the area, and Israel, react to it. 'If UNEF is looked upon by some of them as an imperial force in disguise, the plan can hardly be expected to work smoothly.'

"But UNEF, as a body eager to help the area to develop its economy and protect its security, can certainly perform a major service which may well take the world by surprise."

"In my opinion, however, after the recent Anglo-French, Israeli aggression, Egypt and its neighbouring states will require to be nursed back with the utmost friendliness and tolerance into a mood of fruitful trust and co-operation."

### Active Efforts

"This calls for active efforts by disinterested individuals of high personal standing and calibre who are prepared to give time and attention to the Middle East rather than a show of force, even though this were under the United Nations label."

"The wound inflicted on Egypt and other Middle East countries must heal before peace can be restored."

## North Sumatra Troops Still Missing

Djakarta, Dec. 30.

The whereabouts of rebel army Colonel Maludin Simbolon, and the 300 troops who fled from Medan, North Sumatra, last Thursday, are still unknown, the Medan radio reported today.

Simbolon was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Janis Ginting five days ago, after he had announced that the territory under his command had broken away from the central government.

Ginting, who remained loyal to the central government, gave Simbolon and his men seven days to return. Sixteen of the rebels have so far surrendered.

### DISCUSSED FATE

At Djakarta, the leaders of the coalition government parties today discussed the fate of the central government, but failed to reach a decision.

Premier Ali Guntoro's National Party wanted the Cabinet to be maintained, while the Muslim Nahdlatul Ulama Party parties were said to favour a thorough reshuffle.

The Muslim Marsumi and the minor Catholic and Christian parties reportedly wanted the Cabinet to resign.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Gap (6).
- 2 Merchandise (6).
- 3 Opening (6).
- 4 Divert (6).
- 5 Soundless (6).
- 6 Gem (7).
- 7 Date (7).
- 8 Spot (6).
- 9 Temporary settlements (6).
- 10 League (8).
- 11 Pub some call a joint (5).
- 12 Seat (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Cures (6).
- 2 Concise (5).
- 3 Speak imperfectly (7).
- 4 Ethereal lubricant (6).
- 5 Subborn (6).
- 6 Make the butter go further? (6).
- 7 Embrocation (6).
- 8 Interfere with (7).
- 9 Prey (6).
- 10 Insects (6).
- 11 Feature (6).
- 12 Subject (6).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Damp, 4 Captive, 8 Room, 9 Trio, 10 Nursing, 11 Seal, 12 Fibre, 14 Lenses, 17 Adorn, 18 Basin, 22 Shelter, 23 Mound, 27 Cite, 28 Busted, 29 Neat, 30 Seed, 31 Lenses, 32 Seat, Down: 2 Astrid, 3 Proper, 4 Canal, 5 Amulet, 6 Toss, 7 Range, 12 Puss, 13 Lone, 15 Elm, 16 Bond, 18 Retreat, 20 Amends, 21 Intact, 23 Hourly, 24 Latin, 25 Rides.

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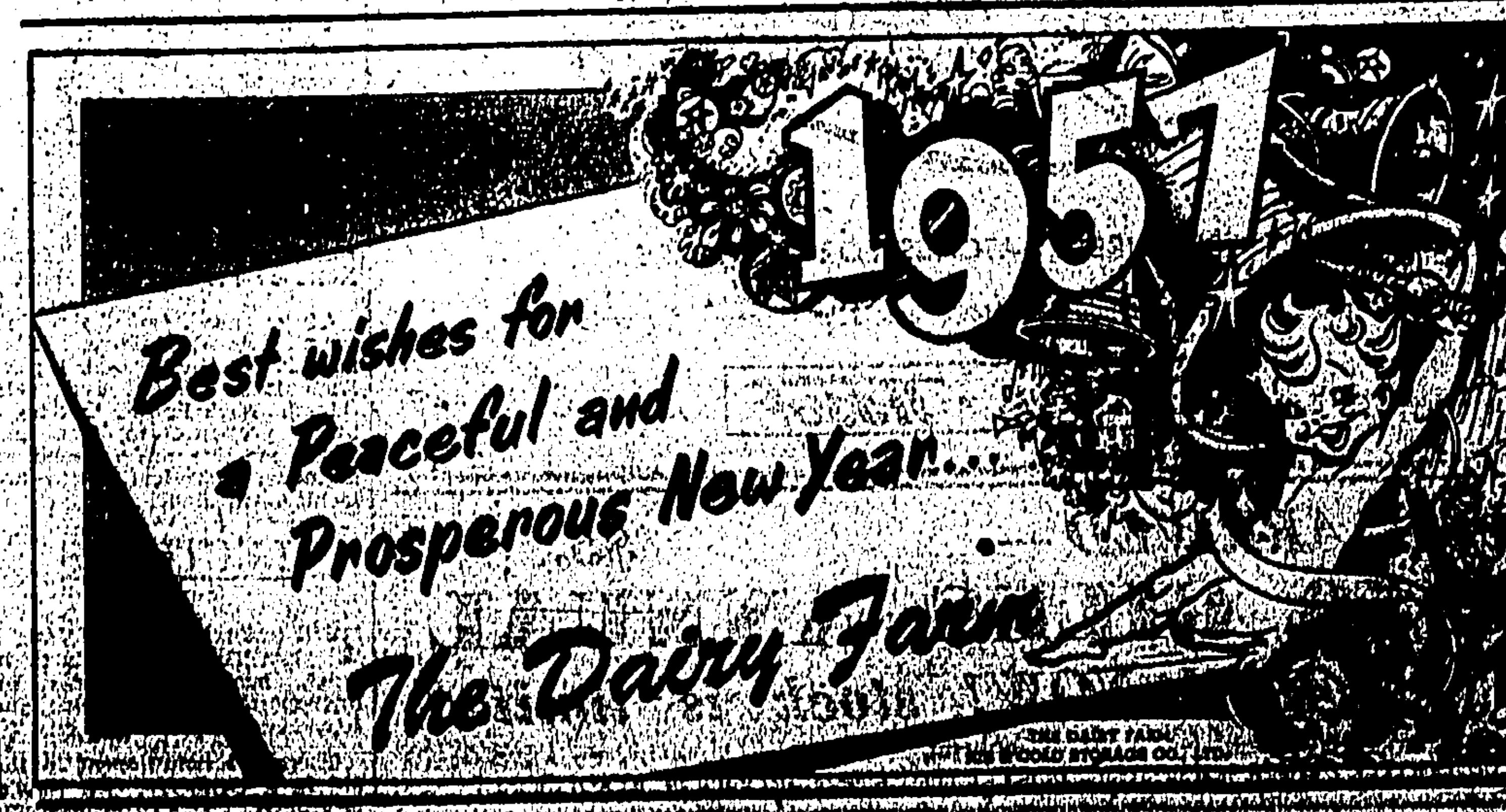
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## IN THE WASHINGTON WASH:

THE POLITICAL VACUUM  
LEADS TO CONFUSION

By ALEXANDER BROAD

**A**mericans have suddenly become sensitive. The Washington and the New York papers have been overflowing with column after column of small print recording what the British think about the Americans, what the French think about the Americans, what the Indians think about the Americans, and even what the Canadians think about the Americans.

In part, this is due to a political vacuum. The State Department is busily drafting a new policy—admission in itself that the old policy just wasn't doing the trick.

But little of it has shown in print so far.

## Dull Stuff

**A**gain, although the atmosphere of crisis is still present, there is enough crisis activity going on.

Americans find the controversy over who will clear the Suez Canal and for whom pretty dull stuff. Nor are they much excited about other peoples' economic crises. So far, apart from the fact that there is a shortage of place cherries for the Christmas-New Year season, there hasn't been any economic crisis here.

The result is that the papers have fallen back on other peoples' thoughts about America.

No one is surprised that the British and French are not enthusiastic about America—lovers again yet. But rumblings from Canada that the Suez crisis was as much a result of America's bungling as of any-

body else, and signs that Canada is determined to have opinions of its own and voice them, even when it upsets one or both of its British and American allies, are alarming. Americans tend to think of Canada as almost an appendage of their own country.

Canadians don't like this, and Americans don't say it too loudly. But they are used to thinking it.

As to the Indians, Americans are not entirely happy to find that the Indians, suddenly, do approve of them.

This is a curious psychological state of affairs. The State Department has long been saying that Americans must be friends with India. And Americans on the street have not disputed this proposition.

But this does not mean that they approve, on the whole, of Nehru's policy, nor that they are likely to be easy in the mind when India approves of them.

A state of amicable disapproval seems to be what they would like to see.

India's kiss, they fear, may be the kiss of death. They suspect that Mr. Nehru's other friends—the Communists—must have gained something if such warmth is forthcoming. This may, of course, be utter nonsense. But there you are.

**Backroom Battle**

**T**he confusion and the vacuum, of course, are just what the isolationists like best, and it is hard, after reading the papers, to blame any American who wants to abandon the rest of the world to its madness.

Nor is the situation helped at all by the fact that there is a behind-the-scenes battle going on in the Cabinet.

Mr. Humphrey, the Secretary of the Treasury, has been

suspected by suggestions that a new, if much smaller, Marshall Plan may be on the way. His enthusiasm, and the thought that a new aid programme may appear just as he is getting to show a budget surplus, alarms him even more.

Furthermore, he is not happy about the departure of Mr. Herbert Hoover Jr. and the arrival of Mr. Herter in his place as chief lieutenant to Mr. Dulles.

Hoover has always been Humphrey's ally and the State Department's only top level doubter on foreign aid. Mr. Herter is a foreign aid enthusiast.

All this merely makes Mr. Humphrey more determined than ever. And President Eisenhower, who often seems to distrust his own grasp of government finance, may, in the long run, be influenced by him.

## Christmas Sales

**S**hoppers are gloomy. Preliminary statistics show that, almost everywhere, Christmas takings were below last year's.

The reasons are something of a mystery. There has, for instance, recently been a minor boom in auto sales—so the explanation isn't that people have not any money.

Personal savings, indeed, are going up.

One reason may be the upsurge of religious feeling, coupled with the fact that high powered Christmas advertising seems to have outdone itself.

There may be something of a reaction against the ever-increasing commercialisation of Christmas. Perhaps the unsettled world situation prompted a few people to look beneath the tinsel for a deeper meaning in Christmas.

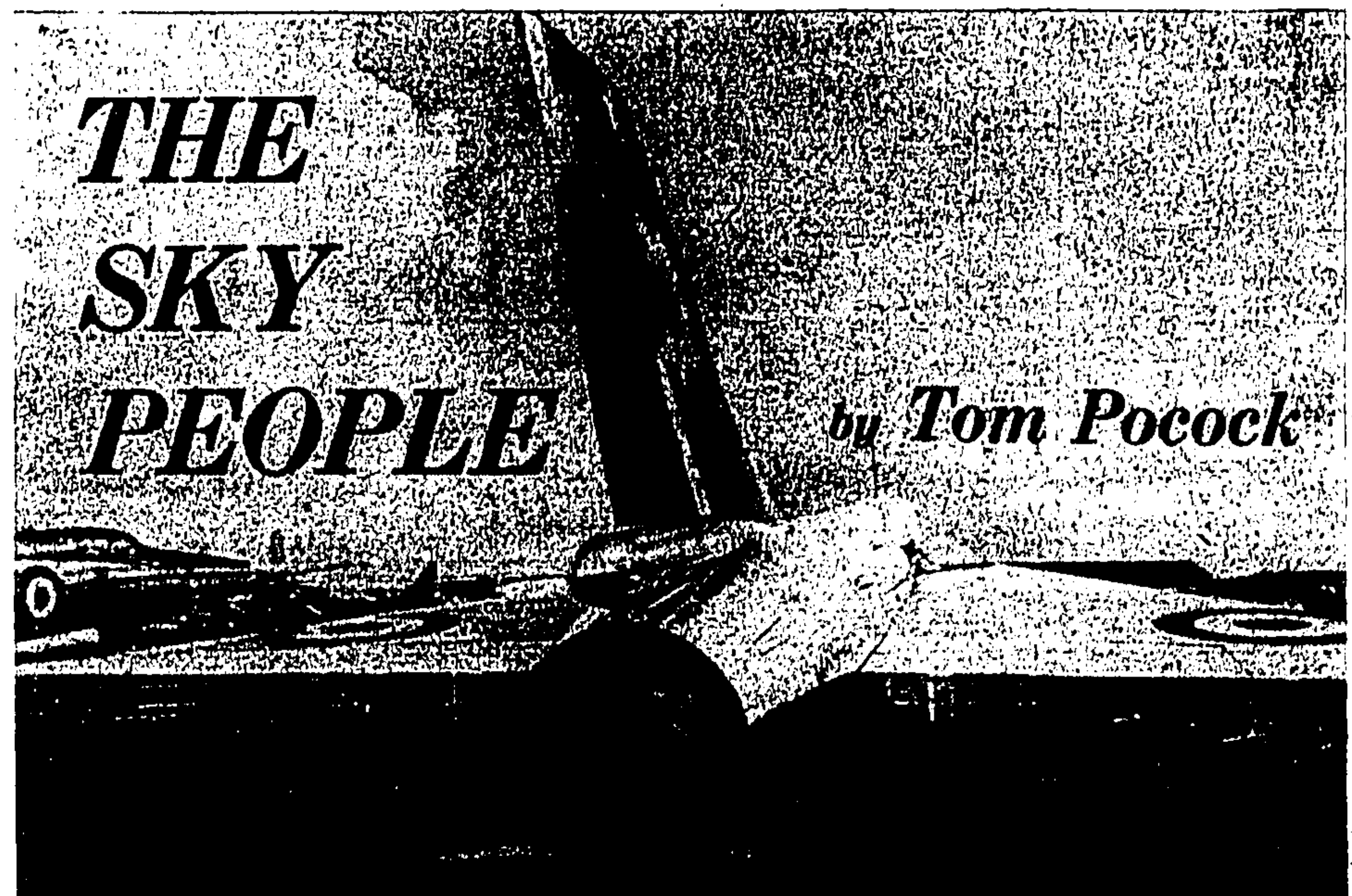


"Decorations are an essential part of the gaiety of Christmas... the whole family is drawn closer together by the fragile links of a paper chain."

It is Britain's most expensive school. The fees are £16,000 a year. That's what it costs to teach a man to fly planes like this...

# THE SKY PEOPLE

by Tom Pocock



**T**HE most exclusive school in Britain stands among the pines on the outskirts of Farnborough. Like other Hampshire preparatory schools it is on the small side: only 34 pupils this term. It is also expensive. Very, very expensive.

The Principal (S. Wroath) is speaking to a potential pupil on the telephone. "Got to remember the fees are inclusive, old boy. I know £16,000 a year sounds a lot, but that includes everything."

It includes, according to the curriculum, the development of common sense and judgment, tact and deportment, self-reliance and adaptability. It also includes the use of a Delta jet fighter and many thousand gallons of aviation fuel.

This is the Empire Test Pilots' School. The preparatory school for the next era in the history of flight. Perhaps also the school which will, some day, send one of its graduates out in the first flying machine to break away from gravity and into space.

## INDEPENDENCE

**T**HE pupils here wear uniform, but this could never be an ordinary officers' mess.

It is not just that they are older than average squadron pilots and crews. It is not just that while most wear R.A.F. or R.N. blue, there are men from Canada, Australia, the United States, France, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, and India. It is rather that here there is a unique spirit and atmosphere.

In the place of the strong, invisible ties that bind together crews and squadrons there is, among these future test pilots, marked individuality. There is a feeling of independence.

Look at them as they sit at their schoolroom desks, or over their coffee in the mess ante-room, leafing through *Pilot's Notes* or aviation magazines.

They are in their late twenties, most of them. Each man is already a skilled pilot. Each looks tough and self-reliant. Each knows that he is being prepared to face and tackle massive, sometimes unknown, physical forces—and tackle them alone.

## LECTURES

**T**HE test pilot's course lasts a year. There are lectures in quiet, sunny classrooms on high-speed flight problems and supersonic airframe design.

There are hours spent in the sky in a Canberra, Sea Hawk, or Hunter. They are the supreme

privilege of piloting the Delta and knowing that although this is now the newest of them all, it marks only the point where their work will begin.

Look around the walls of the library and the flying school, and there in group photographs and signed portraits are the end-products.

Names like Duke and Lithgow, Twiss and Bedford, Pegg and Martin. These are the stars. Their achievements are within reach of all, but for most their careers will be exacting, sometimes dull, sometimes dangerous, but never resulting in fame.

To understand these future pioneers talk to the men who teach them. First, the Commandant—Group Captain Samuel Wroath, C.B.E., A.F.C., R.A.F.

"Everybody" knows Sammy Wroath. A good man at a party, a good man at a hydraulic controls. A dark, buxom-looking type with a gleam in his eye and a pugnacious set to his jaw.

## OLD-TIMER

**H**E sits at his desk in work-mannequin battledress and collar-attached shirt, but you know he would be happier in a pressure suit, sitting in the Delta at 50,000 feet.

Wroath is an old-timer, as test pilots go. He says, "I started in this business at Marham Heath way back in '35. I was just an ex-fighter boy and the selection of test pilots was pretty haphazard."

"One way we tested airframes was called 'stirring the pudding.' You got airborne, then you moved the control column round and round, as if you were stirring a pudding. If there were no lumps, she was O.K."

Then there was no specialised training for test pilots. Now the curriculum stresses the need for the ability to grasp essentials and a sense of perspective.

"Twenty years ago," says Wroath, "a test pilot's report might be coloured by the party he had had the night before."

In 1943 the first test pilot's training course began at Boscombe Down and, since then,

they must become utterly self-reliant. They must also get to know, and know intimately, their fellow pilots and the designers and technicians with whom they work.

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What does a man need to tackle the riskiest job of all? I'll tell you



## DEDICATION

**T**EN years from now, some of these 34 pupils will be flying airplanes now only imaginative doodles on the drawing board of a Petter or a Camm.

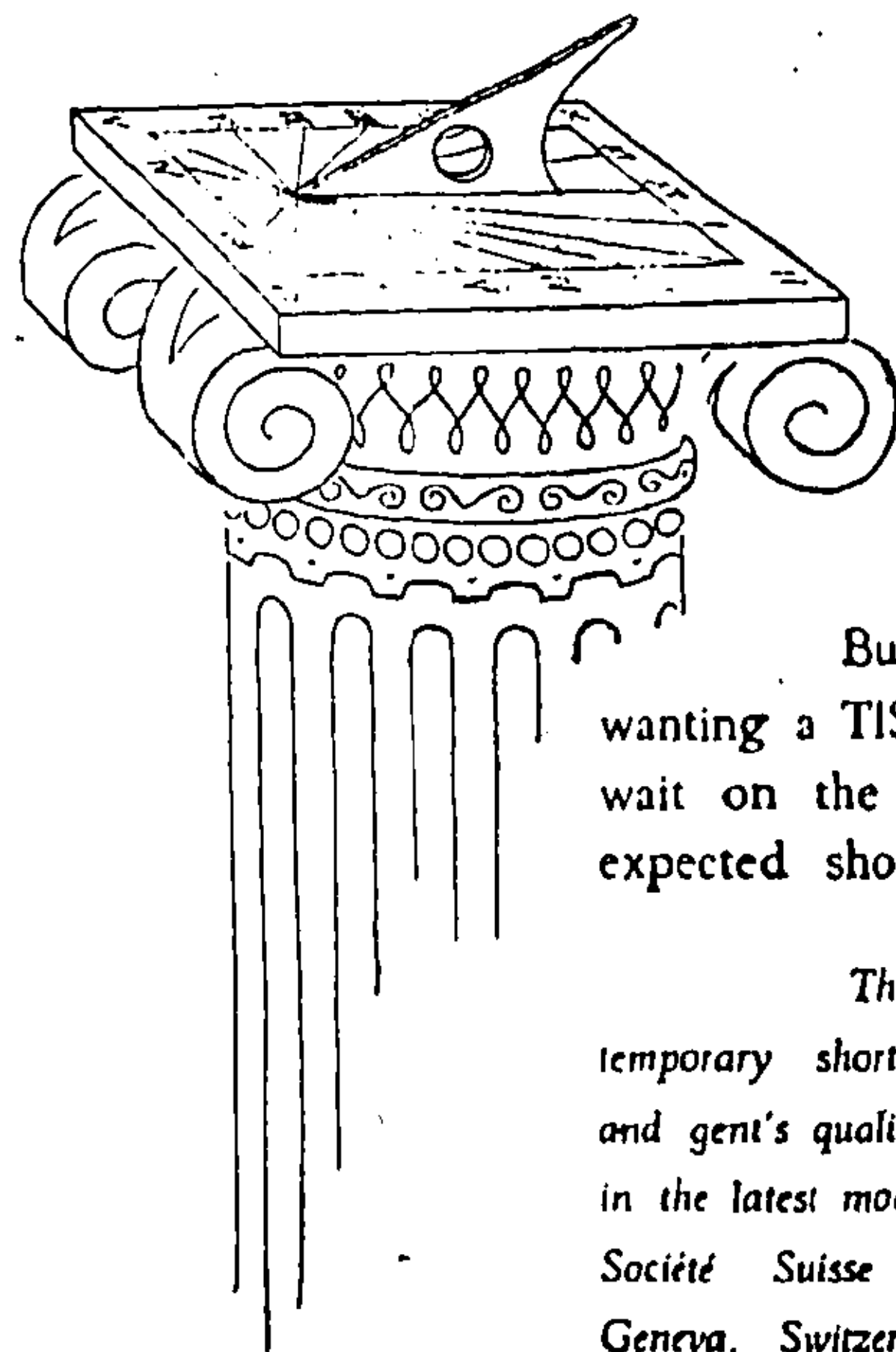
Later, one or two may come to Farnborough to teach a new generation of pupils and who knows what airplanes they will be called upon to fly?

These, then, are the men in the very vanguard of human endeavour. They will be the leaders of the Sky People.

They may not have the unconscious gaiety and gallantry of the fighter pilots and bomber crews. They can never lead the secure yet varied lives of civil aircrew. Theirs, they know, will be a life in which danger will be a constant factor.

But, then, among these pilots are the dedicated men. One of them says it will probably rather than possibly be such a man who will be called upon to date the greatest adventure of all and fly away from the Earth into Outer Space.

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## HEXANGULAR RUGGER TOURNEY

ONE UPSET AS AIRMEN  
FAIL TO HOLD ARMY  
SOUTH'S FORWARDS

By "PAK LO"

There was only one upset in Saturday afternoon's rugby, when the Airmen at Kai Tak failed to hold the Army South forwards and the result was a clear-cut, well deserved win for the soldiers by 17 points (1 goal, 2 tries, 2 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 try).

As expected the Club had a fairly comfortable win over the Police by 15 points (5 tries) to 6 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal), while on the other side of the harbour the Navy won another two Hexangular points when they outplayed a subdued Army North XV by 19 points (2 goals, 2 tries, 1 penalty goal) to nil.

As a result of these matches there has been another upheaval in the Hexangular Table, as can be seen, with only three points separating the leaders and the fifth team in the table, and although half the Tournament has now been played it is anyone's guess just who will win.

If the Navy can keep the Kanieri in port until the end they would seem to have the rosier chance of annexing the title, but this is one forecast which could all too easily be upset.

Here is the latest table:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Navy	5	3	1	1	54	12	7
Army S	3	3	1	1	54	12	7
Club	5	3	0	2	40	28	6
RAF	5	2	2	1	37	44	4
Army N	5	2	2	1	37	44	4
Police	5	0	0	5	11	0	0

## Club v. Police

Right from the start two things were obvious about the Club. The first that the forwards had over the Christmas season died too well if not wisely, for they were slow in the loose and did not cover their halves at all well, and since they stood rooted to the ground in the lineouts it must be presumed that they had too large helpings of Christmas pudding.

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over well out. The conversation was missed 3-0.

The next score came after strong pressure by the Club, when a long kick by Scott sent play back to the Police who were then forced to kick the ball through and went away to finally send Millar over well out. Gault's kick hit the upright 6-0.

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Three minutes later, Valentine broke through from the half way line and then, unexpectedly, the Club Police three back with a last minute run, but could not break through.

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## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Warriors Beat The  
Saints 6-4

By "TIME OUT"

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In the Men's Senior "B" Division the only game featured saw Fred Diesta's PI Dodgers running wild in their clash against the HK University students, pounding them with a 25-2 count.

The Junior bracket again produced some basketball scores over the week, with League leaders grimly hanging on to their rungs in the Pennant ladder. Playing into extra innings, the War Eagles pushed in two runs in the eighth to shade the Lion Cubs 13-11, while Mario Pereira's flag-chasing Cheyennes suffered a score at the hands of the Junior South China who extended them for seven innings before conceding a narrow 24-26 defeat.

In the other games featured the pace-setting PI Dodgers and Seminoles easily accounted for the Austers and Overseas, trouncing them 20-11 and 21-3 respectively.

Yesterday's feature attraction between the Warriors and Saints saw the reappearance of backstop George Ribeiro in softball as he rejoined his mates and added greatly in the upsetting of the Saints.

With Ribeiro back at his old post, ballhawk Stephen Xavier was given the chance to prove his worth at the windy alley, and this he did as he pulled off the season's first unassisted triple-play.

With bases loaded and none out, Xavier speared Pugh's liner to short, stepped on second, and, seeing Ismail of the Saints on third walking dejectedly back to the bench, raced all the way to third to nail him for the final out.

Ismail, besides partaking in this bonheaded base-running in the first chapter, practically gave the game to the Warriors in the seventh when he misjudged Joey Reis' flyball with one man out to allow the Warriors to pull away from a four-all deadlock.

Trailing 0-1, the Warriors opened their second chapter with a resounding crash! Leading off, manager Hank Killean

was straddling third. Killean was given a life when his grounder was played at the plate, Joey Reis leading the three, he was right under it with opened hands, suddenly found that he in fact was not, the ball sailed neatly through his mitt and when the elusive ball was finally picked up Xavier had scored and Reis was straddling third.

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INTER-HONG  
LAWN BOWLS  
DRAW

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All games have been fixed to be played on Sunday, January 6, 1957, at 2.30 p.m. on the greens allocated.

**AT KBGC**  
S. Noble and A. Bailey (RASC) vs. W. C. Higgs and A. W. Hircrocks (Prisons).  
W. Marshall and S. Skeoch (Kln. Dock) vs. C. A. Coelho and W. Baker (Shewan Tomes).  
M. J. Divecha and G. Lee (Gen. Comm.) vs. S. S. Telford and A. G. Coles (Kln. Dock).  
C. Hutchison and W. L. McCall (Kln. Dock) vs. C. E. Passos and A. A. Lopes (Stanvac).

T. Dooley and J. Duffield (R.N. Dockyard) vs. R. D. Baptista and F. Lee (Lane Crawford).  
O. R. Sadick and A. H. Seemlin (Union Ins.) vs. A. K. Sufiad and R. M. Hetherington (Col. Sec.).

R. S. Gourlay and W. Gaffney (Kln. Dock) vs. W. Chambers and A. E. Elliott (Kln. Dock).  
J. Duffy and K. Bodle (Police) vs. A. J. Hussain and J. A. Boudal (Rediffusion).

A. K. Omar and A. M. Omar (Urban Services) vs. W. Thom and J. S. Landolt (Pent. Marwick).

B. Douglass and N. Fraser (Talkoo Dock) vs. J. Hoosen and D. L. Edwards (Merrine Dept.).  
V. Russell and L. Parker (HKAE) vs. J. C. Fonseca and W. Hong Sling (Shewan Tomes).

H. Black and F. Gardner (Talkoo Dock) vs. M. McKay and W. Riley (Kln. Dock).

**AT KCC**  
R. Lapeley and W. McCall (Kln. Dock) vs. E. M. Ribeiro and F. R. Souza (H.K. Bank).  
A. D. Reis and C. A. M. Rosario (Kln. Dock) vs. L. S. Silva and C. A. Duenberg (Chartered Bank).  
S. Howarth and T. Kavanagh (Police) vs. V. Thomas and E. Liddell (H.K. Telephone).  
F. D. Angus and T. Haskie (Island Rev.) vs. A. de Luz and F. de Silva (Net. Turke-Soc.).

All winners of games are requested to note that it is their responsibility to forward, not later than 10 p.m. on the day of the game, the names of the players to the KCC and to the HK Bowls Secretary of the Association.

touched off an avalanche of five hits with a neat double to centrefield.

Al Oliveira followed with another two-base smash to right and George Ribeiro walked. After one out, "Goose" Wong singled through shortstop for two runs but was later nailed at the plate when he dashed for home on Jimmy Chang's drive through second. Keeping the rally alive, Dicko Chaves connected timely to centrefield to score Chang in a cloud of dust for run No. 4.

Resting comfortably on a 4-1 lead, the Warrior defence relaxed until the fourth frame when two bunched-up hits by Pugh and Colloca pushed one Saint marker across to close the gap.

The sixth frame, however, saw the Warriors being rudely awakened by another Saint rally that sewed up the ball game. Dave Leonard opened with a smash to centre and when Claude Pugh bunted safely, and Judo Hsuan sacrificed at first base, the Warrior infield faltered disastrously and when the dust had settled after the third out, both teams were tied at four-all.

The Warriors were not to be deprived of their triumph, however, and thanks to Ismail of the Saints, they were not, for their half of the final inning saw them capitalising on two bonheaded plays for two runs and the margin of victory.

After the first out Stephen Xavier walked and promptly stole second. Joey Reis then poked a long fly to deep left field that looked like a certain OUT!

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The 1956/57 Triangular Cricket Tournament



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## TRADE and COMMERCIAL SECTION

# Continuation Of Age Of Plenty In United States IMPELLED BY AUTOMATION AND ATOMIC ENERGY

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 30.

The year 1957 promises to be a continuation of the age of plenty for America's 165 millions. Impelled by new horizons of atomic energy and automation, the US industrial juggernaut appears poised at year-end for what might well be its most productive effort in history.

There'll be more people working. They'll have more money to spend; and lots more leisure in which to indulge their every want. And there'll be lots and lots of new gadgets and trinkets to buy, ranging from pep-pills to build-your-own-with-a-do-it-yourself kit and airconditioned chrome-beribboned cadillacs.

In the broadest terms, that's how America's economy is expected to size up the next twelve months.

At year-end, the fourth quarter boom which rolled up new peaks in production, employment, income and spending, promises to carry over into 1957. Some segments of the economy will experience some adjustments. New peaks in output will be felt by most industries. Some, however, just some, tempered by a moderation stemming mainly from the ten years and the Suez Canal crisis when all the 1957 figures are, they'll be well ahead of 1956 according to the consensus.

## Forecast

Here is what the experts see for the next twelve months:

1. The gross national product (total value of all goods and services produced) will probably show an improvement over last year's, that marking the eighth time in the past 10 years that the nation's volume of business achieved a new peak. Higher prices will probably account for about half of the 1957 increase.

2. America's industries as a whole are expected to continue in the future, and planning to spend about 11 per cent more than last year. Actually, many of these spending more on expanding plants and equipment than from 1956. Neither the presidential elections nor the Middle East crisis appear to have had a great effect on these plans. Major increases are scheduled in steel, non-ferrous metals, chemicals, and petroleum refining.

3. The Federal Reserve production index will probably average around 140 in 1957, compared with an estimated 143

this year. Some experts figure the index might be as high as 150 by next autumn.

4. Personal spending will probably increase by about 100 million and corporate dividends by over 100 million; an increase in outlays by Federal and local governments.

## Oil Industry

The oil industry in 1956 experienced increases in demand of 5.5 per cent in the United States and almost twice that amount abroad. Business is expected to continue to the present high level next year. Exports, however, without the Suez Canal and the Iran pipeline, exports from the United States could increase as much as 500,000 barrels daily, or 5.5 per cent of the 1956 domestic and export demand. At the same time foreign demand will increase by about the same amount. The general effect of the Suez Canal crisis is to increase US exports of crude oil and products but lower export by a greater amount from the Middle East.

5. Automobiles: The general thinking is that the industry will turn out about 500,000 cars next year over an estimated 4,000,000 units for 1956. The industry is confident about the public's acceptance of its 1957 models as far as this year. However, the spring buying season should give a better picture as to the industry's potential. Last year, some 7.9 million cars were produced but the industry suffered from a big inventory most of the year as consumers failed to buy. The carryover has since been whittled to more manageable proportions.

7. Steel Output this year is estimated at about 2,000,000 tons, or 10 per cent less than the 1955 total of 2,200,000 tons. Due mainly to production losses during the summer.

Next year's output should run in the neighborhood of about 2,100,000 tons, with a good chance that production might even set new records. Steel mills will probably continue to be built in some items, mainly construction steel and pipes, both of which are now in heavy demand.

## Rubber

8. Rubber: Consumption of raw rubber in 1956 in the US was about 1,440,000 long tons, or about 90,000 tons less than the all-time peak reached in 1955, according to John L. Collier, Chairman of F. Goodrich Company. The outlook for 1957 is that the US will consume about 1,500,000 tons of new rubber, with a change that it can't establish a new consumption record. This forecast is predicted on heavy consumption by the American Motor Vehicle production. At least 61 per cent of total new rubber consumed in the US this year was domestically produced man-made rubbers, compared with 58.5 per cent in 1956. Usage of domestic rubber will undoubtedly show further gains in 1957. World consumption of rubbers this year will set a new record of nearly 3,000,000 tons, it was estimated.

In addition, many experts look for an increase in the volume of retail sales over 1956; an increase in the accumulation of business inventories; a tremendous surge toward greater industrial integration and automation; major advances in the field of atomic energy.

US industry is planning to spend at least 1.5 billion to develop office automation, and 5 billions more will be spent in other fields to cut production costs.

Many companies now find themselves caught in a cost squeeze.

## Reduction

For some the only way out is for some further reduction in production costs and that means more and more automation. Automation took a giant step forward in 1956, and much of the hue and cry against it has disappeared. Labour leaders, still publicly fearful of the implications of automation, are pressing for a form of guaranteed annual wage as a basis for new wage pacts. But some labour leaders, nonetheless, now concede that the new technology is not a threat to employment but offers just as many—if not more—jobs.

In the field of atomic energy, American industry began construction or received contracts of the building of 59 new nuclear reactors. In addition, to these projects, industry carried forward work on previously awarded contracts for 17 reactors of various types and completed construction of two reactors which had been on order. In 1956, contracts were signed to build 8 uranium ore processing mills, a seed for atomic manufacturing plants, 7 critical facilities, 3 zirconium and 2 beryllium production facilities. In addition, 134 industrial firms began using radioactive isotopes for the first time, bringing the total of industrial users in the United States to 121 firms.

## General Mood

Although the general mood in the US is one of confidence, with most manufacturers showing a good backlog of unfilled orders, heightened international tensions have introduced new uncertainties into the business outlook. —United Press

## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Dec. 30.

Cotton futures edged upward in a holiday week

At Friday's close the list ruled unchanged to 10 points—unchanged to 80 cents a bale—higher than the preceding week. Activity broadened in the final session with most of the interest concentrated in the nearby March delivery. Spot interests were accredited sellers of around 50,000 bales, supposedly liquidation against spot cotton purchases.

The large-scale offerings were taken up by trade interests and mill accounts, supposedly year-end covering operations. While the business was being carried out, the March contract advanced within a five point range, finishing the week not unchanged at 34 cents a pound.

Interest in later deliveries slackened with activity in new crop months coming to a halt at frequent long intervals.

## CONTRACTION

Exports continued to run well ahead of last year. Total clearances for the season to date reached 2,457,284 bales, or about 3 1/2 times the volume cleared in the same period last season. However, some quarters wondered whether the current high rate could be maintained in face of the contraction in European industrial activity resulting from the fuel shortage. Opinions commenced to differ on the probable effect of the oil bank programme. Analysts conceded the programme may eliminate as much as four million acres from the 1957 allotment of 17.6 million acres. However, it was felt a big part of the land going into the bank may be the poorer, low-yielding acres, and that cultivation may be intensified on the higher-yield land. —United Press

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 30.  
The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 20, reads as follows:  
Total gold holdings: 201,262,204  
Total other currencies: 14,289,823,360  
Sight balance abroad: 49,106,100,000  
Advance to Stabilization Fund: 67,400,000,000  
Total bills discounted: 1,702,613,944,478  
Bank notes in circulation: 2,962,286,473,003  
Current accounts and deposits: 133,689,000,277  
—United Press

## Free World Leads Steel Production

New York, Dec. 30.

The non-Communist nations hold a 3-to-1 edge in steel production over the Communist bloc, according to Iron Age, national metal-working weekly.

U. S. and non-Communist countries poured an estimated 236.6 million ingot tons of steel this year, compared with about 81 million tons produced by Russia, China and other Soviet-bloc countries.

U. S. steel production in 1956 will be about 115 million tons, compared with a reported 55 million tons for Russia. This is better than a 2-to-1 edge for the United States, a comedown from eight years ago, when the ratio was 4.75-to-1. The U. S. margin is still considerable, however—60 million tons.

Long range plans of the end-dominated countries call for a major boost in production. By 1960 non-Communist nations will have ingot capacity of over 300 million tons. Soviet orbit nations have set their sights on a goal of 107 million tons during the same period.

This would give the West 73.7 per cent of world capacity, compared with 78.7 today.

Due largely to the U. S. strike this summer, steel production in the West rose only 4 per cent over 1955, compared with a 10.7 per cent advance for the Soviet-bloc nations. Percentage-wise the Communist's share of world output rose only from 23 per cent in 1955 to 24.4 per cent in 1956—an increase of 6.1 per cent.

Most of the difference is accounted for in the decline of U. S. production in 1956 amounting to 1.7 per cent from the previous year. Russia meanwhile increased her production from 49.9 to 55.7 million tons, an advance of 10.1 per cent, according to Iron Age.—United Press

## SWISS WATCH INDUSTRY BREAKS RECORD

Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 30.

The Swiss watch industry has broken its 1955 export record of 1,076,999,379 francs (US\$251,587,054) by a slight margin, official but incomplete figures show.

The final 1956 figures, officials of the Swiss watch industry predicted, will be around 1,200,000,000 francs (US\$280,320,000), while the number of exported watch units will have increased from 30,171,573 in 1955 to between 40,000,000 and 41,000,000 in 1956.

The officials attributed this increase of watch exports to more liberal import practices on some markets and increased sales propaganda on other markets. —United Press

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$474,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank	1000	10	1000
East Asia	248		
INSURANCES			
Union			850
SHIPPING			
Wharves			
(N)	7 1/2	7 3/4	8000 @ 7.30
(O)	6 5/8	6 9/8	3000 @ 6.90
DOCKS, ETC			
K. Wharf	47 1/2	48	1000 @ 48
Dock	13 1/2	13.80	
LAND, ETC			
HK Hotel	15	15.20	1500 @ 15.10
HK Land	61	61 1/4	800 @ 61 1/4
Really	135	140	6000 @ 135
RUBBER	132 1/2	135	5000 @ 132 1/2
Amalg			
UTILITIES			
Tram	23.40	23.00	1000 @ 23 1/2
Star Ferry	130	142	200 @ 141
Yammat	103	104	400 @ 103
C. Light (O)	23.50	23.90	100 @ 23.70
Electric	31 1/2	31 3/4	200 @ 31 1/2
			200 @ 31 1/4
Macao F. Telephone	8.30		
(N)	24.00	23	
(O)	23.70		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	38 1/2	38 1/2	500 @ 38 1/2
STORES, ETC			
Daily	15.20	15.40	200 @ 15.40
Watson	13.30		
COTTONS			
Textile	4.30		
Yammat	7 1/2	7.10	2000 @ 7.05
INVESTMENTS			
Yammat	6		
Allied			4.90

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U. S. dollar (per \$1) 6.13

Sterling notes (per £1) 16.20

Australian notes (per £1) 12.75

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 16.20

Siamese baht (per 100) 27.00

Singapore (Straits) 1.80

## WALL STREET MAKES LATE RECOVERY

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Dec. 30.

Wall Street took last week's three trading days to put its financial houses in order. There was a spurt in trading. Daily average volume rose to 2,556,946 shares, well up from the previous week's 2,252,915 shares, and the largest daily average since May 11 when it was 2,570,086 shares.

The net result was an irregular gain. Industrials closed the week at 496.41 up 2.03 on the week and up 23.03 for the month of December; rails 158.56 off 0.14 and up 1.67; utilities 68.32 up 0.67 and 1.91; and 85 stocks up 0.60 and up 6.20.

The market was closed for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday and on next Monday. It is a tradition in the financial district to maintain an open market the day before New Year's for belated year-end trades.

Wall Street thinks they are about cleaned up. It thought the same the week before and was wrong. However, the market already has had something of a year-end rally—a good one for the industrials and utilities and a baby one for the ragged rails.

## Rails Behind

Rails are well behind the other sections on the year. To date their average is down 0.78 points from the 1955 close while industrials are up 8.01 points and utilities up 3.16 points.

Oil shares featured the market as a group on the up side. Gulf gained 7 1/2 in the international. Amerasia featured the domestic with a rise of

0 1/4 points. Standard of Ohio rose nearly 5. Demand for the international reflected beginning of work in earnest to clear the Suez Canal while the domestic group was bid up on a favourable outlook for gain in 1957.

Individual stocks were strong, notably Lukens which gained 8 1/4 points.

There were 1,378 issues traded of which 602 advanced, 689 declined and 188 held unchanged. A total of 47 issues made new highs for the year.

The market failed to get through the 500-level again and traders doubted it would do so decisively in the last remaining session. However, many said the market was still in good physical condition and given a respite from evening up operations it might accomplish its immediate objective of the 500-level in the industrial department.—United Press

## NAMESAKES

Answers: 1. Shortland, 2. Pencil, 3. Reform, 4. Spelling, 5. Sound, 6. Phrase, 7. Teach, 8. Vocabulary, 9. Phonography, 10. Dictate, 11. Invention, 12. Memoranda, 13. Change, 14. Dictionary. Sir Isaac Pitman (inventor of Shortland).

## US TEXTILE INDUSTRY CONFIDENT OF COMING YEAR

New York, Dec. 30.

The American textile industry stands at the threshold of the New Year with "measured confidence" provided the question of imports from the so-called low-wage countries is successfully resolved.

Industry spokesman, F. E. Grier, President, American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, Inc., made this forecast in a year-end summation of the textile industry and its problems.

Manufacturers confidence in the future, he said, was demonstrated by an outlay of almost all kind of new equipments.

The backlog of unfilled orders for cotton goods as the year approached a close was equivalent to 11 weeks production. Volume of new business taken in October was the highest monthly total in several years. Final production figures for 1956 are expected to show a slight gain over the 10.1 billion yards of broad woven goods turned out in 1955.

## Volume Lower

Another vote of confidence in what 1957 holds in store for the industry came in October when the industry boosted textile wages 10 cents an hour. This pay boost came, Grier emphasized, only after the government indicated it would take steps to reduce the textile industry's trade deficit.

Imports of Japanese-made fabrics and apparel.

Analyzing the export-import picture, Grier said the outward flow of American-made textiles was running at around 800 million yards a year. This would be about eight per cent less than last year and would stand as the lowest year's volume since 1942.

Conversely, he said, imports of foreign made cloth from all sources for the first nine months were running about 55 per cent over the 1955 mark.

The American textile mills, the cotton farmers' best customers, Grier reminded, consumed 9,059,000 bales of raw cotton during the year ended October 31, compared with 8,977,000 bales in the preceding year.

J. Spencer, Chairman, Burlington Industries, Inc., said the industry's "solid record of steady progress" and predicted "a dynamic industry in 1957." —United Press

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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**SHEAFFERS**



## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Chan Wan-Kit, 22, unemployed, of 102 Hillwood Road, third floor, who was originally charged with impersonating a Police officer, was this morning additionally charged on two counts of larceny from the person and larceny by trick, before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was offered bail of \$2,000 or seven days remand in gaol custody.

Mr. d'Almada fixed the date for hearing for January 26 at 2.30 p.m.

## Prison For Triad Society Man

A 23-year-old car cleaner, Chou Hai, of 207 Hillwood Road, first floor, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy this morning for being a member of an unlawful society.

He was cautioned on a second charge of possessing instruments for unlawful purpose, and he was fined \$300 or two months for breach of a \$300 bond.

In addition, he was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years after serving the prison term.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown above are for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

**Holiday Arrangements**  
Tomorrow, January 1, 1957, the public holidays at the Victoria, Kowloon, New Territories, and Sham Shu Po Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. respectively. All other Post Offices will be closed. There will be one general delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 a.m.

**Monday, December 31, By Air**  
Burns, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.  
Lima, 9 p.m.  
Peking, Shanghai, Kuremura, Hankow, 9 p.m.  
By Surface  
Thailand, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Present For Elizabeth

THE wife was in bed and asleep when her husband came back. She woke as he fumbled for light switches and stumbled about the furnished room that was, in their middle-age, their home. Half fearful of the wife, whose name was Elizabeth, waited to see what her husband's next move would be. There were times when he came home drunk and foul-tempered. There were other times when...

**FROM THE FLATS**  
THERE was something like tenderness in his voice, and in his outstretched hand he held something that glinted under the light. Elizabeth took the offering. It was costume jewellery, and said: "Where did you get it?"

"At the flats," said her husband, whose name was Alan. "Got it at the flats, for you."

"Well, thank you, dear," Elizabeth said, and putting down the trifle turned over and prepared for sleep again, wondering vaguely how the flats, where Alan had been working for two days as a porter, could have provided him with a gift for her.

**HAD THEM YEARS**  
THE thought was still with her when she awoke in the morning. "Those things you brought home," she said, "where did you get them?"

"At the flats, I told you," said Arthur. "I 'nicked' them."

"Oh, Alan," Elizabeth said, "and I thought you'd finished with that sort of thing."

"Oh, shut up," he said. "Alan was at work when the police called. They found the bits of costume jewellery, though Elizabeth had put them into a vase for safekeeping. 'Where did you get these?' the policeman asked. 'Oh, I've had them for years,' said Elizabeth. 'They're only cheap things.'"

**WHY SHOULD I ADMIT?**  
LOYALTY plus experience made her speak so. She had seen her husband sent to prison before. The policeman went away. But not for long. Soon he was back.

"If you have had these things for years," he said, showing the baubles, "why do you account for their having been stolen from the flats where your husband works?"

"Well, if he wasn't going to admit it why should I?" Elizabeth asked, summoning woman's logic to her aid.

At Clerkwell court Alan, a greying, trim man of 51, pleaded guilty to stealing the jewellery, valued at £18. Elizabeth, standing beside him in the dock, looking older than her 47 years, pleaded not guilty to receiving the goods.

**DIFFERENT DOORS**  
ALAN was sent from the court while the case against Elizabeth was heard. At its conclusion, Mr. E. G. Robey, the magistrate, said:

"It has to be proved that at the time you received these goods you knew they were stolen. What happens afterwards isn't anything like so important. Nothing like a case of receiving has been made out against you, so the charge is dismissed."

Elizabeth was shown out, Alan shown in. The story of his past was told—from his boyhood days in Liverpool, through the good days when he did well in the Merchant Navy, to the bad, when he took to drinking bouts and crime—before his previous convictions for dishonesty. He was sent to prison for three months.

Wife and husband left the court by different doors, to different destinations. The strain upon their marriage was fearful. The way of their going suggested their marriage would survive.

## Exceeded The Speed Limit

Two lorry drivers were each fined \$50 or seven days for speeding by Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector J. P. Wilson told the court that the first defendant, To Puck-ching of 428 Prince Edward Road, ground floor, was speeding on September 28 along Prince Edward Road from Fuk Lo Chuen Road to Portland Street, exceeding the limit of 20 miles an hour by 10 to 12 miles per hour.

The second defendant, Chong Kong-chung of 612 Shanghai Street, first floor, was also speeding along Prince Edward Road on October 3 from the junction of Waterloo Road to the railway bridge. His speed was 25 to 27 miles per hour.

## Quarry Manager Faces Charges

Chu Leung-tung, 33, Manager of the Flat Hill Quarry, Ngai Chi Wan, Kowloon City, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy this morning on charges of obstructing a Police officer in the execution of his duty, using abusive language to the officer, and damaging Government property.

Defendant, through his counsel, Mr. Peter Sin or Peter Sin and Co., pleaded not guilty to all charges. He was allowed bail of \$1,000 and remanded seven days. The magistrate fixed his date for January 10 and 20 at 9.30 a.m.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How about a really big New Year's celebration, Lucille? Then I can get disgusted and keep my resolution!"

## Moving Performance By The Hongkong Singers

I find myself once more taking up my pen to write in praise of the Hongkong Singers. On Friday night this fine choir performed the Requiem Mass by Mozart as part of the bicentenary celebration of this composer's birth. The performance given in St John's Cathedral was most moving and a fitting tribute.

The choir under the direction of Dr. L. T. Hild, were well-balanced and produced a beautiful tone which was even more enhanced by the acoustics of the cathedral. In a building, such as a large church or cathedral which has a long reverberation time, one might expect that many of the words of the Mass would be lost. This was not so on Friday; could I say more in praise of the clear diction of the Singers?

The solo parts were sung by Hilda Carr (Soprano), Joan Terrell (Contralto), Peter Scates (Tenor), and Chow Wai-sun (Bass). With four such well-blended singers, it is perhaps unfair to single out one but I feel compelled to mention Mr. Chow Wai-sun. I must confess that I have not heard this soloist before and it is to my loss. I hope to hear him often in the future.

**ACCOMPANIMENT**  
We are very fortunate in Hongkong in having a number of first class pianists who devote much of their time to accompaniment. We must include in these Miss Isolda Ahwee who shared the honours in the accompaniment with a small orchestra. Miss Ahwee played with great delicacy and sympathy which helped so much towards the final polished result.

The orchestral accompaniment was by eight string players and a trombonist and was led by S. M. Bard. I understand that they were playing at every short notice; this was not apparent in their performance. The only criticism I have is that there were not nearly enough of them. At times these nine instruments had to struggle hard to produce a sufficient breadth of tone to match that from about 60 singers.

Taken as a whole, the performance was of the highest standard. It was not faultless, but then one could hardly expect a faultless performance. The few faults were very minor, almost unnoticeable, and certainly excusable in relation to the final product. To mention them here would be misleading and would give the wrong impression of a most creditable and praiseworthy performance.

The DC-4, however, landed safely trailing a stream of smoke as its tyres grounded into the runway. None of the 14 passengers or crew of ten was injured.

The Skymaster, which arrived over Hongkong from Tokyo around 9.30 a.m. made several passes over the airport when it was found that a hydraulic line, which operates the brakes on the wheels had broken.

The American pilot, Captain Chet Brown of Colorado, used the emergency air pressure for braking power and this automatically locked the landing wheels.

Meanwhile at the Airport the Kix Tak Airport Fire Brigade and the R.A.F. Fire Brigade were alerted for the landing of the stricken aircraft. In Kowloon Bay a fire-boat and R.A.F. crash boat stood by, while some doctors from Kowloon Hospital arrived in case of an emergency. Ending the Kowloon Hills, Captain Brown brought his plane in low with the nose up to make a beautiful landing with its tyres bumping up the runway.

An hour later, after medical attention had been made to the three who were injured, the plane was towed to HAZE for repairs.

The plane was scheduled to continue to Bangkok at 11.15 p.m. but it was delayed to 12.15 p.m. due to the accident.

## HOSPITAL CRITICISED BY COUNSEL

Defence Counsel in a murder trial at the Criminal Sessions suggested this morning that the treatment of a man who died in Kowloon Hospital showed "disgraceful negligence on the part of the hospital."

Mr. Terence Shurlock, defending an 18-year-old odd job coolie, Leung Kuen, on a murder charge, made the remark during cross-examination of Dr. Henry Lee, medical officer at the Hospital.

Leung was alleged to have stabbed Ng Koon-kau, a factory worker, in the neck and back on August 1. Ng died from the neck wound, which turned septic, 12 days later.

Mr. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Leung is defended by Mr. J. C. Wilman, of Johnson, Stokes and Master. Answering questions by Mr. Shurlock, Dr. Lee said he was qualified to practise on December 1956.

In reply to more queries, witness said he examined Ng Koon-kau on August 1. Ng was suffering from a neck wound and two wounds in the back. In his opinion, the back wounds had no connection with the death of the deceased.

**CLOSED WOUND**  
Dr. Lee said he did not suture the neck wound at the time because he feared that infection might occur. The patient was detained in hospital until August 3. Before his discharge, he (witness) closed the neck wound. His general condition was good.

He gave the patient an anti-biotic injection before his discharge.

Asked if the neck wound was such that it was a danger to life, Dr. Lee said it was not a mortal wound at the time. In general, however, a wound on the neck was dangerous because of its position and depth.

Further questioning, witness said the anti-biotic used was penicillin. His senior colleague at first thought of transferring the patient to Lai-chikok Hospital, but when it was found that his condition was good—he having received anti-biotics for three days—it was decided to discharge him.

Dr. Lee said the patient was told that he should return to the hospital if he had any complaints.

**VARYING RESPONSE**  
Witness agreed with Counsel that not everyone responded the same way to the same kind of anti-biotics. He agreed further that it was possible to ascertain the type of anti-biotics suitable for a particular person. This was done by obtaining a specimen of the wounded person's pus and examining it.

In the present case, the patient did not have any pus on the outside of the wound. After his death, a post-mortem showed the existence of abscess behind the throat.

Mr. Shurlock put it to witness that he did not make a complete diagnosis of the patient's trouble, Dr. Lee agreed. He said he had misread that pus in his examination.

Witness agreed that had he detected the abscess he would have been able to get a specimen of the pus, and it would have been possible for him to ascertain what type of anti-biotics to which the patient would respond.

Dr. Lee denied that this diagnosis had been "highly negligent and highly incompetent." He agreed, however, that there was a chance that the patient might still be alive if a more complete diagnosis had been made.

Further questioning, witness said the deceased died of poisoning of the blood as a result of the wound.

**DID NOT RESPOND**  
The second time the patient was admitted to the hospital was on August 9, Dr. Lee stated. He was given penicillin and streptomycin until August 12. He did not seem to respond to these, so he was given another anti-biotic.

Witness said such a treatment normally would have been sufficient. Since he did not respond to 12, he added, he concluded that the hospital had done its best for him.

Mr. Shurlock asked the doctor if he was aware that the deceased came to the hospital on August 8, but was told to come back the following morning. Witness said he must have been told to come back.

Witness said he must have been told to come back.

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## No China Mail Tomorrow

There will be no issue of the China Mail tomorrow (New Year's Day), but publication will resume on Wednesday with an early edition.

The South China Morning Post will appear as usual tomorrow, but will not then resume publication until Thursday.

## Radio Hongkong

**H.K.T.**  
8.30, Children's Programme, "Tales by Today." Written and Read by H.E. Todd; 9, Time Signal, Programmes of the day; 9.30, Bandstand (BBC7S); 10, Band of Her Majesty's Coldstream Guards, conducted by Major Douglas Foster; 10.30, Classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekker; 11.00, Weather Report; 11.15, Time Signal; 11.30, Stop Press Items; 11.45, Melodies and Memories (BBC7S); 12.15, "Show Business—1956"; 1.15, News; 1.30, From the Secretary of State for the Colonies; 1.45, The Right Hon. A.J. Lennox-Boyd; 2.15, A.S.C. Jazz Band (BBC7S); 2.30, New Year Programme, Christmas Carols; 3.00, Band and Humphrey Lyttelton and His Band; 3.15, Time Signal; 3.30, News and Home News from Britain; 3.45, London Again (BBC); 4.00, Eric Coates Conducting The Philharmonia Orchestra; 4.15, Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 10, (Grieg); 4.30, Clifford Curzon (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra; 4.45, The Robert Shaw Choral conducted by Robert Shaw; 5.00, The Goon Show (BBC); 5.15, Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan in "The Man Who Never Was" (7th); 5.30, Report of the Saturday's broadcast; 6.00, Weather Report; 6.15, Time Signal; 6.30, News Reel; 6.45, "Dance to Your Favourite" of 1956; 7.00, The Bell from St John's Cathedral; Ring out the Old Year; 7.15, Midnight New Year Chimes; 7.30, Last of the New Year Wishes; "All Join In" Memories in Popular Song and New Year Eve and Year Round Party; 7.45, Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

2.30 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee—Featuring Errol, Garner and the Art Van Dorne Quintet; 3.30, Radio by Lopez—With Guest Stars; 4, Romance of the World—Mary Ann Clark; 4.15, Popular Song; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 5, Children's Corner—Stories of the day; 5.15, Music; 5.30, Birthday Mailbox; 6, La Musique Française—Presented by Jeanette Perry; 6.30, The Top in Popular Music; 6.45, The House of Peter McGovern; 7, Time Signal and the News; 7.15, Weather Report and Announcements; 7.30, Benny Goodman Show; 7.45, Radio; 8, The Top in Popular Music; 8.15, Talk-Tips for Tomorrow's News; 8.30, Personality Parade—Singing and Dancing; 8.45, The Top in Popular Music; 9, Famous Composers; 9.15, I Know What I Like; 9.30, Mr. K. A. Baker; 9.45, The Top in Popular Music; 10, Time Signal, News and Home News from Britain; 10.15, New Year Messages from the Secretary of State for the Colonies; 10.30, The Right Hon. A.J. Lennox-Boyd; 10.45, Monday Concerto; 11, The London Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent; 11.15, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 11.30, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 11.45, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 12.00, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 12.15, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 12.30, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 12.45, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 1.00, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 1.15, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 1.30, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 1.45, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 2.00, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 2.15, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 2.30, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 2.45, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 3.00, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 3.15, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 3.30, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 3.45, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 4.00, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 4.15, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 4.30, The London Philharmonia Orchestra; 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